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### Meetings this week:

#### **School Board, Aug. 11, 7 p.m.**

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, click [here](#).

#### **Planning Board, Aug. 12, 7 p.m.**

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday,

Friday, August 8, 2014

## City of Dover recognized for excellence in financial reporting

For the 10th consecutive year, the City of Dover's Finance Department was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). This award is for the City's fiscal year 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The CAFR is deemed proficient in all 17 major grading categories.



Dover was one of the first communities in New Hampshire to be recognized with this achievement beginning in 2004 and is now one of only a few communities in the state to consistently receive the award each year.

The Certificate of Achievement awarded by GFOA is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment and continuing commitment to maintain the highest standards of financial accountability. In achieving this specific recognition, the City's CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the highest standards of financial reporting including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate and educate readers regarding the financial condition of the City.

Aug. 12, at 7 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, click [here](#).

### **City Council, Aug. 13, 7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 13, at 7 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, click [here](#).

For a complete list of weekly meetings, visit [www.dover.nh.gov](http://www.dover.nh.gov).

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit [www.dover.nh.gov/dntv](http://www.dover.nh.gov/dntv).



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**City Hall hours:**  
Monday-Thursday  
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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## **Dover committees to host tour of the Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area**

The City of Dover Open Lands and Community Trails committees will host a tour of the Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area on Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 5:30 p.m. New Hampshire Fish and Game biologist Jim Oehler will lead a wildlife walk.

The Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area is located on the west shore of the Bellamy River, between Dover and Portsmouth.

The Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area consists of a wide variety of land types, vegetation and wildlife habitats. The tour is a perfect opportunity to explore this beautiful area and learn more about the habitat and the important role land owners play in helping preserve the area's natural beauty.

Directions to the Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area are as follows: From Route 108 (Durham Road), head south on Back River Road for approximately 1.6 miles, turn left on Rabbit Road, right on Old Garrison Road, the left at the sign to the Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area. From Route 4 in Dover, head north on Back River Road for about 1 mile, turn right on Rabbit Road, right on Garrison Road, then left at the sign to the Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area gate.

To register, or for more information, contact Steve Bird, City Planner, at [s.bird@dover.nh.gov](mailto:s.bird@dover.nh.gov) or 603-516-6008.

The rain date will be Wednesday, Aug. 20.

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## **Cochecho Arts Festival this week**

The Cochecho Arts Festival's popular Headliner Series continues tonight at 6 p.m. at Henry Law Park.

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The annual festival -- now in it's 28th season -- comprises the Children's Series on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., the Farmer's Market



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performances on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m., Shark in the Park concerts on Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m., and the Headliner Series on Friday nights at 6 p.m. In addition, the Festival includes Shakespeare in the Park on Sunday, July 27 and Sunday, Aug. 3, at 4:30 p.m.

Upcoming performances are:

- Friday, Aug. 8, 6 p.m., Entrain with Joel Cage (Sponsored by the Beacon Retirement Group and hosted by 100.3 WHEB) Rotary Arts Pavilion, Henry Law Park;
- Tuesday, Aug. 12, 10:30 a.m., Susie Burke (Sponsored by Dupont's Service Center), Rotary Arts Pavilion, Henry Law Park;
- Wednesday, Aug. 13, 3:30 p.m., Meg Josalen (Sponsored by Holy Rosary Credit Union) Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, 550 Central Ave.
- Wednesday, Aug. 13, 6 p.m., Blue Matter (Sponsored by 102.1 and 105.3 The Shark), Rotary Arts Pavilion, Henry Law Park.

All Cochecho Arts Festival events are free to attend and open to the public.

The annual festival is organized by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, visit  
<http://www.cochechoartsfestival.org>.



The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, "Historic Rambles About Dover," by Robert A. Whitehouse, "Port of Dover: Two Centuries of Shipping on the Cochecho" by Robert A. Whitehouse and Cathleen C. Beaudoin, and several other historical sources.

For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Institute

Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, located at <http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/cityof.htm>.



**Aug. 8, 1652** - James Nute was presented for abusing the Town Clerk in saying that "he was a deceitful man and had a deceitful heart." Thomas Fursen was presented for over much drinking.



**Aug. 9, 1825** - Mr. Israel Tebbets, of Madbury, was weighed in Dover a few days since and his weight found to be 435 pounds. (N.H. Republican)



**Aug. 10, 1861** - After an absence of more than three months, companies A and B of the 1st Regiment returned to Dover, having reached Concord a few days previously. They were met at the depot by the volunteers, under the command of Captain Littlefield, numbering about 100 men, and the several Fire Companies of the city, and escorted through the principal streets to the grove near the High School House, where a collation was provided for them, and where appropriate speeches were made by the Mayor, Captain Bell, Lieut. Sawyer and others.



**Aug. 11, 1920** - Census returns announced on this day show Dover's population as 13,029, a decrease of 219 from 1910. However, this is seen as actual growth because Dover lost about 1,000 inhabitants when the Cocheco Print Works moved to Lawrence, Mass., a few years prior.



**Aug. 12, 1875** - As a team in which two ladies and five children were crossing the the bridge at Dover Point, the horses became frightened by an awning on a boat which was passing underneath, and began to prance. The lady who was driving, fearing that she might wreck the carriage or spring over the rail, whipped him into a trot, being desirous to get over the bridge quickly. As she did so, she casually noticed a sign forbidding horses to go over the bridge faster than a walk on penalty of a fine. This led her to pull in the frightened animal, and just as she had done so, she saw that she was within a few feet of the open draw, which is a swinging draw. Had she allowed the animal to have gone on at the speed he had attained, he would have plunged into the boiling flood below, and seven lives would have been lost. There is a gate or bar on the bridge to prevent just such occurrences and the criminal neglect of the toll-gate keeper to use it might have resulted

in a very serious catastrophe. (The Dover Enquirer)



**Aug. 14, 1925** - Dover's new downtown electric street light system is turned on at 8 p.m. for the first time. To celebrate the event, a Mardi Gras is held, including 4,000 people in the carnival parade and 10 bands. Over 20,000 people attend the festivities.

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## City issues reminder about rules for political advertising

With election season under way, the Dover Department of Planning and Community Development would like to remind the candidates for political office of the rules for the placement of political advertising signs. In general, political advertising should be placed on private property where the property owners have given the candidate permission to do so. Political advertising signs are not permitted on any property owned by the City of Dover. Signs are permitted within the public right of way beginning at the edge of pavement only with the written consent of the owner of the land over which the right of way passes.

Christopher Parker, Director of Planning and Community Development, says that "a rule of thumb to keep your political advertising sign in a safe and legal place is to always place the sign behind the utility poles away from the street side. Signs may not be placed on the utility pole itself."

Parker also notes that in the downtown urban core, where there are sidewalks, a good rule of thumb is that the backside of a sidewalk is generally the start of the private property - behind which a sign may be placed.

Political advertising signs may not be placed on any raised islands in the roadway (such as Week's Crossing, Knox Marsh Road and Littleworth Road, around the fountain in the Upper Square, Glenwood and Central Avenue, or at the intersection of Central and Washington) or any other property owned by the City of Dover (for example the island at Dover Point Road and Middle Road, and the island at the intersection of Central Avenue, Stark Avenue and Jenness Court).

Proper placement of political advertising signs is important to maintain safety on Dover's roadways.

Tim Corwin, Assistant City Planner, says that the rules reflect not only the requirements of state law, but also the



Dover community's "desire to be safe, reduce sign clutter and pollution, and maintain a high standard of community appearance." If not placed correctly, political advertising signs can impact a motorist's safety by lining the roadways and creating visual distractions.

As in years past, the City will be keeping a list of those who are not in compliance with the rules and regulations for political advertising, and fines will be assessed. The process that the City will follow is simple, says Corwin: "Whether viewed by staff or received as a written complaint, the candidate will receive a call from the Planning Department to inform them that they need to move or remove the offending sign within 24 hours." If the sign is not relocated or removed, the Dover Police will confiscate the sign and a violation will be written and acted upon (see Chapter 170, Section 32.L of the City Code).

The Planning Department hopes that by adhering to these rules, the City and its candidates will have a smooth, incident-free election season.

"We thank the campaigns in advance for their cooperation, and wish them the best of luck," Parker said.

For more information please call the Planning Department at 516-6008.

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## Supervisors of the Checklist in session Sept. 2

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014, from 7 to 7:30 p.m., at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 288 Central Ave.

During this session, supervisors will register new voters and make other necessary corrections to the checklist. Party affiliation cannot be changed during this session.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.

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## NIGHT AT THE WOODMAN MUSEUM II

**Witness The Woodman Museum Come to Life!**

A cast of over 50 will present the second annual Night at the Woodman Museum. Attendees will see the museum come to life after hours and discover the surprising history of the museum, Dover and its residents. See over 20 historical – and hysterical – scenes where characters will share their stories.

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Last year's event sold out.

**August 22 • 6-9 PM**  
**August 23 • Matinee 3-5 PM, 6-9 PM**  
**August 24 • Matinee 3-5 PM, 6-9 PM**

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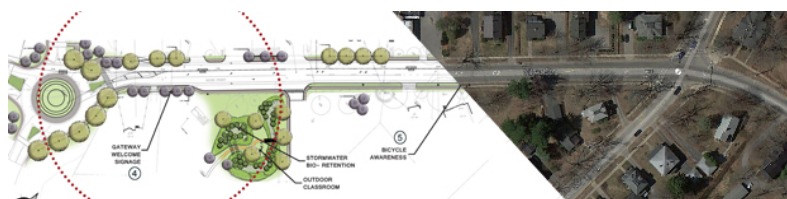


[www.woodmanmuseum.org](http://www.woodmanmuseum.org)  
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## City web page details Silver Street reconstruction project

Following a July 9, 2014 vote of the City Council, the City of Dover is beginning the reconstruction of Silver Street. Work will span from the Spaulding Turnpike Exit 8 ramp to Central Avenue, approximately 4,300 linear feet.

The reconstruction of Silver Street originally started as a water main, street and drainage replacement project. Since the initial design started, including input from residents, the project has evolved into an upgrade of a gateway to the downtown. The project now consists of

water main replacements, drainage improvements including a rain garden near the Woodman Park School, street and sidewalk reconstruction, landscaping, wayfinding, lighting, and traffic signalization improvements.

A new web page dedicated to the project is now online. This resource includes updated information about construction work, neighborhood meetings, important documents, and other related media. In addition, residents can sign up via email for a newsletter with updates about the project.

The web page will be updated throughout the construction process.

To visit the web page, [click here](#).

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## Dover Family Alliance to hold back-to-school picnic

The Dover Family School Alliance is hosting a family pot-luck picnic as an, informal way to meet other families in the "special education" community. It will be held at Henry Law Park in Dover on Sunday, Aug. 24, 4-6 p.m.

Please bring a dish or dessert to share, as well as drinks and seating for your family. Paper products and tables will be provided. Members of the Dover School District special education team are invited, so we hope that this will be a great opportunity to meet with our children's educators outside of the class setting.

For more information about Dover Family School Alliance, please visit [www.doverfamilyschoolalliance.org](http://www.doverfamilyschoolalliance.org) or email [info@doverfamilyschoolalliance.org](mailto:info@doverfamilyschoolalliance.org).

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## Guided walking tours of historic Dover

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will once again offer Guided Walking Tours of Historic Dover on Saturday mornings this summer, from May 24 through Sept. 13. Tours begin at 10:30 a.m.

Tours begin at the Dover Chamber and will leisurely stroll through Dover's Historic Downtown area, with numerous stops along the way during which the Guide will point out places of interest, offer historical perspective, and share



stories and anecdotes about the people, places and events that have helped shape Dover.

Reservations are recommend and can be made by calling 603-742-2218.

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## City's boards and commissions keep our community vibrant

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the energy and talent of citizen participation on boards and commissions.

The City's boards and commissions encourage public participation, including new members to fill vacant positions.

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about how to apply for boards and commissions, click [here](#).

To download an application for board and commissions, click [here](#). Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.

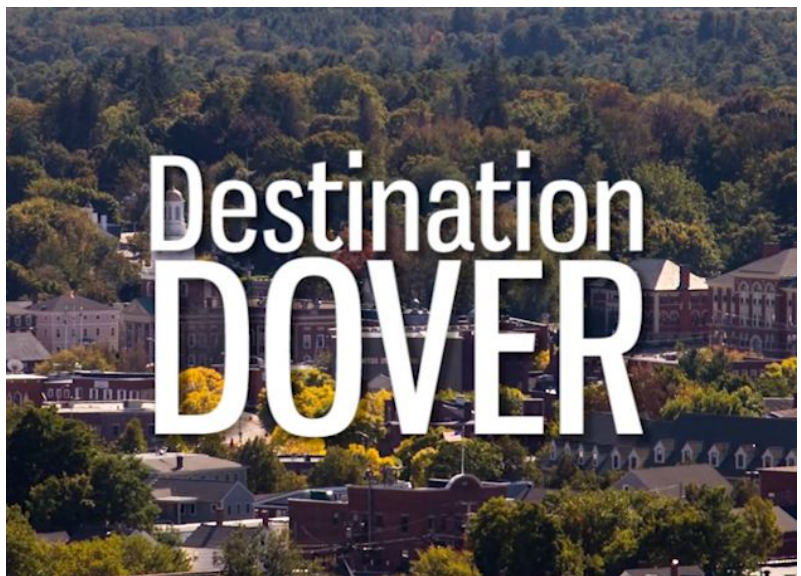
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Want to stay up to speed on exciting events and activities in Dover? Sign up for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's weekly newsletter, Peek at the Week, for up-to-date information on what's happening in Dover.

Whether it's the schedule for the Cochecho Arts Festival, art exhibits or where to shop for local products, sign up for Peek at the Week, and you'll be ready for the week ahead.

You can sign up to receive the Chamber's Peek at the Week by e-mail [here](#).

## Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

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